

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Melvin Chandler was born on November 22, 1927, to Harry and Bess Chandler at Pierre, South Dakota, and we are richer because Mel lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Mel married JoAnn Kjerulff 50 years ago on November 27, 1957, and to this union one daughter, Laurie, was born, who in turn blessed them with three grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Mel operated Chandler Auto Glass with his father and brother, Harold, for 60 years and has enjoyed serving as the Sergeant at Arms for the South Dakota House of Representatives since 1990; and,

Whereas, Mel enjoys golfing, cheering on the Pierre Governors, and participating in his coffee groups; and,

Whereas, Mel will observe his 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2007, as

MEL CHANDLER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State